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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

THOMPSON ET AL.

Examiner

Camie S. Thompson

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Amendment filed April 26, 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,8 and 11-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,8 and 11-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/26/06; 6/14/07.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment and accompanying remarks filed April 26, 2007 are acknowledged.
2. Examiner acknowledges amended claim 14.
3. Examiner acknowledges cancelled claims 7 and 9-10.
4. The rejection of claims 1-3 and 13 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,679,965 is overcome by applicant's submission of the terminal disclaimer.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

6. Claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chi et al., U.S. Patent Number 4,460,640.

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Chi discloses fiber reinforced glass composites wherein the composite comprises silicon carbide fibers in a thermosetting resin (see Example 7). It is disclosed in Example 2 of the reference that the composite has a density of 1.0 g/cm^3 as required by the present claims. Since the reference teaches the components as claimed, the resulting composite article would be inherently capable of being configured as at least a component of a rocket nozzle.

7. Claims 1-6, 8, 11-14 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Klett et al., U.S. Patent number 5,744,075.

Klett discloses a fibrous preform wherein the preform comprises carbon fibers that can be rayon or polyacrylonitrile fibers (see reference claims 1 and 3). Additionally, the reference discloses that the preform comprises carbonizable organic powder (see reference claim 1). Klett discloses that the matrix material is a phenolic resin (see column 4, lines 4-8). It is disclosed in the reference that the density of the preform is 1.0 g/cc as required by the present claims (see column 4, lines 4-8). The reference meets all the limitations required by the present claims. Since the reference teaches the components as claimed, the resulting composite article would be inherently capable of being configured as at least a component of a rocket nozzle.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments with respect to the present claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Camie S. Thompson whose telephone number is (571) 272-1530. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano, can be reached at (571) 272-1398. The fax phone number for the Group is 571-273-8300.

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